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WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1907.

TRIAL OF STROTHERS WILL NOT BE LONG

Prosecution Ends Case Before Culpeper Jury.

WIDOW WILL TESTIFY 1-Evelyn

Mrs. Bywaters to Tell Her Story in Court To-day.

Speciators Will Be Excluded While Bride of an Hour Tells Her Version of Shooting of Husband by Her Brothers-Jury Visits Scene of the Tragedy-Witnesses Tell of the Events of December 15,

(By a Staff Correspondent.) Culpeper, Va., Feb. 26 .- With the completion of to-day's testimony the case of the Commonwealth against James and Philip Strother for the slaying of their brother-in-law, William F. Bywaters, came to a close, and to-morrow morning the defense will attempt the erection of impregnable protecting barricade about the forms of the two young defendants-a barricade built on the rock of Virginia's unwritten law, held together

by sentiment and heartstrings. The defense has determined to strike 12-Cardozo Case Halted Again. firmly and quickly. Mrs. Viola Stroth Bywaters, sister of the defendants as bride of an hour of the slain man, w take the stand immediately upon the opening of the session to-morrow more ing. Until this morning, it was expected that Mrs. Bywaters would appear as a witness for the State, but it developed Handling of Road's Funds that the prosecution had changed its plans, and the defense immediately announced her appearance in court as their

Mrs. Bywaters to Testify.

Mrs. Bywaters will be granted the courtesy of a cleared courtroom while she rule es the events that led up to the tragedy of December 15. Only officials of the court, the defendants, and the news paper correspondents will be allowed in the room during the taking of her testimony. The story that will be brought out during the direct examination is know to all who are familiar with the case What the prosecution may be able to wring from her lips during the cross-examination is a matter of conjecture.

Adherents of the defendants, and these number by the hundreds in Culpeper County, are sanguine that the most rigid questioning will serve merely to strengthen sympathizers, and these are apparently as numerous as those who condemn him, entirely unexpected and was not called seem to believe the prosecution will be out by any question directed to Harri-timony stand well proven already. defendants have inspired in the jury.

stion Not to Call Her. garded the decision of the prosecution not while he was president. to call Mrs. Bywaters, and the counter announcement of the defense. Friends of the defense discern a master stroke in get better results through cross-examina-

through ties of immediate blood relation-

Only Defendants Know Story, Who knows the whole story, the incidents connected with the marriage, the true details of the tragedy itself? is the question confronting Commonwealth Attorney Keith and his associate, Capt. knows except the defendants, Mrs. By-

waters, her sister, Mrs. E. L. Gaines, and Mr. Gaines. These people only were

to-day, and the prosecution announced Central sold to the Union Pacific at the the close of its case, not one fact had same time by Kohen, Loeb & Co. been established, nor one bit of testimony introduced to shatter the case of the defense, as outlined in the opening statement by Rev. Dr. Ware, and that shortly after the ceremony James and Phillip answer was that it was not a like condi-Strother shot Bywaters to death, and tion. that they told numerous witnesses that their sister by Bywaters, and his attempt to run away after the wedding.

Unwritten Law Plea Strong.

That this prima facie case of homicide is sufficient to influence the jury to send the two brothers to the gallows, or even to a long imprisonment, is not regarded seriously by many. It is beasted by supporters of the accused that no Virginia jury would convict on such evidence. when the defense is based upon the principles of unwritten law,

have recognized the necessity of strengthening its case by showing that in this instance the "higher code" is not invoked To this end the State has announced its in tention to show that Bywaters made reparation by marriage and had no intention of deserting his bride when he was shot down by her brothers. This can be shown in only one way, through the lips of the eyewitnesses of the shooting

Under these circumstances it is the gen eral belief among those who have followed the case carefully that unless the sleeve, which is regarded as unlikely, or through cross-examination of the defense's witnesses, the Strother brothers

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THROUGH CHICAGO SLEEPER C. & O. Limited, 4:30 P. M. Account adjournment of Congress, through sleeper will be operated to Chicago on C. & O. Limited, leaving Washington 4:30 p. m., March 2 to 6 inclusive.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia-Rain, and warmer to-day; to-morrow, unsettled; probably rain and colder; fresh southeasterly winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

TELEGRAPHIC. Thaw's Cross-examination

Ends. 1-Culpeper Trial to be Short. 1-Girls Die in Montreal School Fire. 1-Harriman Scores Stuyvesant Fish. -Steel Ties Are Doomed. -Subtreasury Theft Still Unexplained.

-Millionaire's Wife Unreformed, 3-Platt Is Sued by Mae Wood. 5-Gladys Vanderbilt Scolded by Mother. 7-General Stoessel Shamed in Report. 9-Mudd Gets Annapolis Prize. 9-Baltimore Minister Arrested

CONGRESS.

4-Aldrich Financial Bill Passed. 4-Will Talk on Subsidy All Day. 4-Gas Company Must Make Reports. -Tells of Brownsville Riots. 4-Veto Messages Cause Fun.

LOCAL. 1-Stevens Quits Canal; Bids Rejected. 1-Shaw Says He Is Not Seeking Presi-

-Contractors Protest to Masons Carmack Defends State Rights. 2-Democracy Derided at Frat, Banquet. 2-Typhoid Aboard Battle Ship. 4-Shake-up in Departments Coming 2-Loan Bill Is Criticised.

dency.

MAGNATE FLAYS FISH

Criticised by Harriman.

OFTEN DECLINES TO ANSWER and simply perfect."

ison, and Illinois Central Deals. Would Not Say Whether He Bought Big Dividend Declaration.

have been long threatened by E. H. Har- this purpose was achieved. iman on Stuyvesant Fish, whom he had deposed as president of the Illinois Cen-In accordance with these views is re- went on to accuse Mr. Fish of having

Makes Charges Against Fish. Harriman charged Fish with having dethe action of the defendants' counsel, posited half a million dollars of the rail-Friends of the prosecution see with equal road funds with the Trust Company of fear of Mrs. Bywaters' testimony. The on account of the condition of that trust latter affirm that the prosecution forced company, and that he subsequently put Jerome started the day with this effort. the defense to put Mrs. Bywaters on the the money back into the same trust com- When court opened he called Abe Humstand, on the basis that the State can pany in an effort to "pad up account."

One thing appears certain. The prose- money; that Fish had loaned himself vast witness stand a man who not long ago Zollinger, engineer of maintenance of cution has so far been laboring under an amounts of the funds of the Illinois Cen- was convicted of conspiracy as the result enormous handicap. The Commonwealth tral, and that after the collapse of the of a prosecution engineered by that same Atterbury, general manager of the Pennattorneys have been confronted with the Trust Company of the Republic, Fish had prosecuting officer. problem of trying to break down an un- again loaned money to the Commonvritten law plea, with all the witnesses wealth Trust Company, the successor to had never signed any affidavit for Humwho know the ins and outs of the case the Trust Company of the Republic, in mel. The district attorney called Humbound firmly to the cause of the defense order, Harriman said, to pad the accounts mel and a clerk employed in his office

riman, referring to Fish.

Declines to Tell About Deals. After making this charge against Fish, The answer is obvious. No one shares of the Illinois Central to his own

Harriman refused to answer these questions in accordance with the objection raised by his counsel to-day, that i concerned the private affairs of an indi of Attorney Jeffries, the first day of the vidual, though he was asked by one of trial. All that had been established had the commissioners if he did not think been freely admitted by counsel for the that, in view of the charges that he had defense, namely, that Will Bywaters and made against Fish, it was due in all can-Viola Strother were married December dor to the commission to inform them about his own stock dealings. Harriman's

> Refuses to Answer "On Principle." Harriman, in his testimony to-day, explained the belated declaration of the

announcement of it was made. Harriman was asked by the commission and directed by them to answer whether or not he had bought Union Pacific stock Even the prosecution would seem to nouncement of the dividend. He refused tigued by her long examination. to answer "on principle," he said this

Believes in 100 Per Cent Profits. Harriman thought the 10 per cent dividend justified, and later in the day,

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MRS. EVELYN THAW LEAVES THE STAND

Passes Through Cross-examination Successfully.

STORY STILL UNSHAKEN

Witness Thwarts Efforts to Discredit Her Testimony.

District Attorney Jerome Calls Abe Hummel, but Fails to Accomplish Anything Startling-Insanity Experts Will Be Recalled To-day. Prosecution Watching Opportunity

left the witness stand this afternoon, no more to be recalled, after carrying to the end and without faltering the heavy burden imposed upon her by the lawyers, who are trying to save the life of her husband. less fire of District Attorney Jerome's ross-examination.

When in response to her look of inquiry the courtroom, everybody in the court coom who had watched her from day to day since she first took the witness stand, was conscious that he had seen the end of an extraordinary performance.

There are a good many views regarding he substance of her testimony, but there s no difference of opinion about the manner of its delivery. Perhaps, after all, there is still no possibility of differing from the man who said, on the first day of er testimony, "She is perfectly simple

Jerome Digs Deep.

In his searching cross-examination Tells of Some Phases of Alton. Atch- Jerome had gone deeply into the life that Mrs. Evelyn Thaw had led in that circle of acquaintances to whom Broadway and the theaters are all well acquainted. The Union Pacific Stock Pending the purpose of the cross-examination was, of course, to tear her story to pieces, bit by bit, until the whole of it stood discredited and few, if any, of those who heard he New York, Feb. 26.-The attack said to testimeny from start to finish believe that

It must never be forgetten, to be sure that the rules of evidence forbid, for the tral, was made to-day by Harriman when most part, the introduction of direct evihis examination was resumed before the dence to discredit her story. The only road. He states that his action was the the defense. Bywaters' friends and Interstate Commerce Commission. The point legally deemed material is whether result of the report of the committee of

seem to believe the prosecution will be able to throw new light upon the tragedy tending to lessen whatever sympathy the from making the charges that he did.

but Harriman waived them aside and demonstrated that he paid consultations are a virtual admission that the steel tics as made at present are a failure as a substitute for the wooden ties, and are stime of money to her and to her misused the funds of the Illinois Central mother. But the truth or falsity of many roading. of the charges she made against the architect cannot be established at this trial.

paper she signed for White and which Friends of the prosecution see with equal the Republic, of which he was then making charges of cruelty and abduction placed upon this curve because this State. The former claim that the de- director, asserted that he had been forced against Thaw, was the principal feature fense forced the prosecution to show their by his directors to withdraw that sum of the trial to-day. It failed signally.

Abe Hummel Called,

mel to the stand, and there was presented Harriman asserted that he helped out forthwith an unusual spectacle. It ex-Fish himself at this time by loaning him hibited a prosecuting officer calling to the

Young Mrs. Thaw testified that she in 1903 to testify that she had furnished "He looked upon the Illinois Central the material for that affidavit and had as his own personal property," said Har- signed it freely and of her own accord.

Hummel appeared happy and self-posessed when he took the witness stand in the same courtroom where he was Harriman was asked if he had not sold convicted. He answered Jerome's questions, so far as he was allowed to answer railroad, the Union Pacific; if he had not hear. But he was not allowed to answer formed a pool with Directors Rogers and Stillman of 30,000 Illinois Central shares testifying that Miss Nesbit came to his with the intention of turning them over office on October 27, 1903. Jerome then bend to the Union Pacific, and if he had any worked up to the subject of the affidavit interest in the 105,000 shares of the Illinois by asking if he dictated a statement in Central sold to the Union Pacific at the Miss Nesbit's presence, when Delmas arose with his first objection. that the rules of evidence forbade any

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. Jerome tried to meet the objection by saying that he was not making any such direct effort, but was merely trying to in order that he might cross-examine the witness upon it. But the court heid that Harry Thaw's wife, havinb testified that there was no such paper; that if it ever existed, it had been destroyed; it was not in order, at that time, to try to

Hummel Accomplishes Nothing. So the district attorney gave it up, and dividend of the Union Pacific and South- Hummel left the stand without having ern Pacific last summer, and it was contributed much to the undoing of the cheap suit, such as any well-to-do will be on March 4 brought out that this dividend was vir- defense. As the few remaining questions tually decided upon by the directors at that Jerome had to put to Mrs. Thaw their July meeting instead of the August elicited little of consequence, she left the meeting, which was two days before the witness stand for the last time with the story she told in her direct examination still standing intact in nearly every material point. She had stood the strain splendidly, and appeared in no way fa-

A good deal of attention has been attot made to the stock exchange until the furnishing to the district attorney a good morning of the second day after the Au- deal of the material by which he prepared gust meeting, Harriman said, was be- his cross-examination of Harry Thaw's cause he had to attend a funeral of a wife. It was probably this fact that infriend which postponed the meeting of duced Delmas to ask the young witness publican national campaign in 1904. the executive committee of the Union to-day about money that White con-Pacific until so late in the afternoon that tributed. He got her to identify a numto announce a dividend then would have ber of checks which showed that Miss that there was no larceny been to the advantage of the London Nesbit's mother received from Stanford absence of criminal intent. ber of checks which showed that Miss that there was no larceny, owing to the market instead of the New York market, White between May, 1902, and May, 1903,

Reads from Litle Book.

While the questions Jerome asked Evein a rather remarkable exposition of his lyn Thaw to-day bore very lightly on the subject of her relations with White, they added several illuminating touches to the picture of her own life and nature that the district attorney has painted for the benefit of the jury. Most of them were contributed by extracts from a little,

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MOTHER DIES AS SON DID.

Expired in School.

cial to The Washington Herald. Ravenna, Ohio, Feb. 26.-Mrs. George Finch, mother of fourteen-year-old Robert Finch, who dropped dead in school Thursday, also dropped dead at her home here to-day. She died of a broken heart. The boy was throwing paper balls in school Thursday and was caught by the teacher. She called him to the front of the school to punish him and he dropped dead a

He had been suffering with heart disease. Ever since the boy's sudden death, Mrs. Finch had been unconsolable. She wept day and night and would not be comforted.

To-day as she was walking across the yard at her home she dropped to the ground dead.

UNCLE SAM'S NEW ENTERPRISE

Biggest Balloon Ever Built Is Contracted For by War Department.

New York, Feb. 26 .- Lee Stevens, the naut and balloon manufacturer, said to-day that he had contracted to deliver for Appointment of Lunney Board. to the War Department before March 30, the largest balloon ever made in this country. He would not say what the government is to pay for it, but the price New York, Feb. 26.—Evelyn Neshit Thaw is said to be in the neighborhood of \$12,000 eft the witness stand this afternoon, no The balloon is to be labeled No. 10, is the War Department already has ninothers. It will weigh 1,700 pounds, and have a lifting capacity of a ton. Such an unusual lifting capacity is said to have She had spent more than four days and a partment's Intention to experiment with half in the witness stand, more than half a large number of bombs and other exof this time being spent under the relent-less fire of District Attorney Jerome's of 78,000 cubic feet of gas, and the netting over it will weigh 286 pounds. It will be fifty-six feet in diamater. The will be fifty-six feet in dlamater Delmas said "that's all," and the frail Mr. Stevens hopes to have a test in the little figure rose and passed lightly from East before the balloon is turned over.

Pennsylvania Orders Their Removal from Tracks.

RESPONSIBLE FOR WRECK

Investigation Committee Reports That Substitute for Wood Is Menace to Human Life and Safe Railroading-Placed Upon Curve to Make Severe Test of Utility.

Manager Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, ordered that all steel cross-ties wreck of the eighteen-hour special at Mineral Point, Friday night. This re-

In its report, the committee of railroa men, who made the investigation, posi Jerome's last effort to discredit that tively states that if wooden ties had part of her testimony relating to the been on the roadbed where the wreck occurred the damage would have been the defense contends was an affidavit less. It is admitted that the ties were would be a severe test of their utility they never thought that the uselessness of these ties would be demonstrated by

injury to fifty-four persons, On the committee were Herbert M Carson, assistant to the general manager sylvania Railroad. While unable to de termine positively the cause of the rear, tender truck, and produced enough made this statement he confirmed his ac- some loads to the morgue wagon, to shear the bolts on the opposite rail. he accident the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New

"ONE HOSS SHAY" CAMPAIGN.

Walter L. Houser Aspires to Senator Spooner's Seat.

Special to The Washington Herald. one of a "One Hoss Shay" campaign for the United States Senatorship. The idea originated in the political brain of Walter L. Houser La Follette's former Walter L. Houser La Follette's former that of the hostess who asks her guest if he will have sugar in his tea.

"Yes, that applies to my case," said morgue, where the bodies were placed, Walter L. Houser, La Follette's former

Walter L. Houser, La Follette's former

Mr. Shaw, "and you might add that the was the scene of many affecting scenes as it would be well for him to resign.

He has not made an or made and the parents identified the bodies.

He has not made an or made and the parents identified the bodies. it a practical test. Houser aspires to sugar there is in the bowl." Senator Spooner's seat. His plan is to put in a whole year in a house to house, This was taken to mean that the Secfarm to farm, heart to heart campaign, retary was holding out for a higher sal-

farmer is used to wearing.

DECIDES IN PERKINS' FAVOR. Court of Appeals Hears Case of In-

Appeals to-day decided in favor of tion, but that if the nomination seeks New York Life Insurance Company, and gratefully accept it tracted by the stand that Mrs. Helman, a member of the firm of J. Pierpont woung Mrs. Thaw's mother, has taken in Margan & Co. in the matter of the seems to derive some satisfaction out of A Railroad Time Table That Every One Can Understand. young Mrs. Thaw's mother, has taken in Morgan & Co., in the matter of the charge of grand larceny made against the fact, as he alleges, that those who have sought the Presidency have usualy him in connection with the payment of failed to reach it. funds of the New York Life to the Re-The decision is by a divided court, vot ing 4 to 3. The prevailing opinion holds

> The dissenting opinion holds the lar ceny consists in taking property belonging to some one else, even for a com

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more and Ohio.

Two solid, splendidly equipped trains leave Washington 1:22 and 5:30 p. m. daily, arriving in Chicago without change of cars at 9:45 a. m. and 5:15 p. m. next day. Dining cars on both trains. Pullman reservations account adjournment Congress may now be made for all trains up to March 15 at 1417 G st., 619 Penna. ave., and station, N. J. ave. and C st., offices.

MOTHER DIES AS SON DID. Drops Dend Because Her Boy Had SHAW NOT SEEKING PRESIDENCY, BUT-

Secretary Will Accept if the Nomination Is Offered.

OUTLINES HIS POSITION

Soon to Become Head of the Carnegie Trust Company.

Formal Statement Issued by Retiring Cabinet Officer, in Which He \$750,000. Says He Will Not Make Any Personal Effort to Secure Nomination Lewisohn Bros. to Succeed Roosevelt-Leaves It to Party to Decide if He Should Run.

Statement by Hon, Leslie M. Shaw. A man by taking thought may make himself justice of the peace, but no man, in my time, by taking thought has made himself President of the United States, and those who have given the subject most serious consideration have usually died in disap pointment. Admittedly, some of the successful ones have sought the place, but none was nominated because he sought it. Neither Lincoln, Grant, Haves, Garfield, Blaine, McKinley, Roosevelt, nor Bryan was nominated because of the State he represented. and some of them secured the prize notwithstanding location. Cleveland, Harrison, Parker, and possibly one or two other defeated candidates, have been aided by location, though Mr Cleveland was once nominated in the face of an opposing delegation from his own State. All but two of the men whose names I have mentioned were nominated because of what they were, and for what they stood, and the two exceptions were compromises,

Gen. Grant expressed the correct attitude of an ideal American citizen when he said he had never sought a place of honor or preferment and had never declined one. The honors that have come to me have been unsought When the alternative of seeking the nomination for governor of my State or running away from the sentiment was presented, I simply took the affirmative of the issue. Whatever Shaw Presidential sentiment now exists has sprung up spontaneously, and unless it continues to grow in the same way my name will never be mentioned in a national convention. Meantime I will not decline appropriate tasks nor refuse to do my share of the

world's work. For over thirty years my home has been at Denison, Iowa. While gover-nor of the State and domiciled at ent position and domiciled at Wash-Denison. Iowa. For a time my future City: my domicile will probably be in some convenient suburb, but my home will be in Denison, Iowa-there will I vote, there will I spend a remnant of there will I be buried.

I recognize that retirement to private life is usually acquiesced in without protest, and should no one now object, it will not annoy or lead to political estrangement. During all the years of my manhood I have taken a more or less active part in political campaigns, and my interest in them will not flag though the opportunity to participate wanting; and it will be for my party vited from the congenial fields of per-

public service Accepts Trust Presidency,

The foregoing statement was made yesthe rate of fifty miles an hour down a York, to be the company's president, and he snapping of the bolt fastenings, was after some negotiations, which were confound thrown away from the tracks out cluded only yesterday afternoon, Mr.

Shaw decided to accept the position. Mondovi, Wis., Feb. 26.—The coming ing it was suggested to Secretary Shaw up and brought to their homes, summer will witness the beginning of that his situation with regard to this. The fire was finally extinguished, and

with a buckboard and a faithful old ary than was at first proposed by the trust company. Mr. Shaw expects to take

will be on March 4. Secretary Shaw was asked what effect transferred to Paris. The dinner was he expected this venture in business given at the foreign office. would have on his political future. He dictated a formal reply to the question, ters of recall to the King. He drove to the selection of Maj. Goethals to succeed the substance of which is that he, like Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.-The Court of after the Republican Presidential nomina-William H. Taft, is not an active seeker George W. Perkins, a vice preident of the him he will not dodge the issue, but will Mr. White's departure, which will take tion of the Panama Canal under the pro-

SHAW ACCEPTS POSITION.

and station, N. J. ave. and C st., offices.

Mr. Dickinson as president, and the other officers are: Vice president, Frank L.

City Market, 10th and O sts. nw.

Mr. Dickinson as president, and the other officers are: Vice president, Frank L.

Grant; vice president and treasurer, Ross

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In a statement sent out by the company it is said that Mr. Dickinson induced Mr Shaw to accept the presidency and re-signed in his favor. A new office, that of onorary first vice president, has been created for the retiring president. It is believed that in addition to Mr. Dickinon's urging, Mr. Shaw was attracted by he argument of Robert B. Armstrong who was formerly the Sceretary's privat secretary and later an Assistant Scere company began business with a capita of \$1,000,000 and a surplus of \$500,000. The directors to-day decided to increase the capital to \$1,500,000 and the surplus to

The board of directors was increased b the election of Frederick Lewisohn, of

PENNSY SHOWS FIGHT.

If 2-cent Rate Is Fixed, No Favor Will Be Shown State.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 26.-Fourth Vice resident J. B. Thayer appeared before he legislative committee this afternoon and informed them that if the legislature donis the 2-cent fare rate the Pennsylania will discontinue all excursion rates, mmutation tickets for suburban traffic, and special rates for the transportation been very generally expected, f the State police and militia, that are

He said this would be necessary, if the hat everybody would be put on a straight

Teacher and Sixteen Charges Sibert, both of the Corps of Engineers. Perish in School Blaze.

NONE LIVE TO TELL THE STORY

plained and Reason for Death of Teacher and Her Little Pupils Will ator Joseph C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky Never Be Explained-Fierce Flames and Smoke Drive Firemen Out.

Montreal, Quebec, Feb. 26.-By the burne East End of the city this afternoon, he principal, Miss S. Maxwell, and sixeen children lost their lives. The little ictims were caught in the building withut a chance to escape, hemmed in by fire, suffocated by smoke, and driven back rom the windows and all hope of safety. diss Maxwell gave her life for her

rushed up and tried to get the children. grim story told by a fireman is that her canal would "probably" be constructed body lay surrounded by those of the by private contract under the supervision smaller children. She was last seen at a of army engineers.

by the flames and somke. There was apparently no one in the base- Goethals has had a chance to study

No Chance for Escape.

windows of the first floor.

ast the smoke filled the room to such by the President yesterday of a character density that they were driven out and highly complimentary to Mr. Stevens forced to seek the windows for a breath supervision of the construction work. of air. They could not stay in the place

brought into sight.

Women Scream in Terror.

One woman screamed with terror as she tried to raise a cover. Even though she Earlier in the day Secretary Shaw had declined to say what he expected to do a glimpse of the child's clothes, she had regard to the trust company offer, but he admitted that he had the shall be sha in regard to the trust company offer, but shrieked: "Oh, it's she; it's she." It he admitted that he had the offer under was not here and as a kindly hand drew has book she at a kindly hand drew book she had the book she at a stargered to the waiting he admitted that he had the offer under consideration, and added that he had imposed conditions which might prove prohibitive. In conversation yesterday morn-hibitive. In conversation yesterday morn-hibitive, the conversation was not here, and as a known had been rescued to the waiting fact that he was receiving \$30,000 a year, while other engineers of lesser reputation and ability were getting much more

WHITE BIDS KING GOOD-BY.

Rome, Feb. 26 .-- Foreign Minister That he may not frighten off the man up his duties within a day or two after Tittoni yesterday gave a farewell dincan Ambassador to Italy, who has been

> Mr. White to-day presented his letand from the Quirinal in state car- Mr. Stevens. The letter follows: riages, accompanied by the royal mas- "Sir: I have considered with much care ter of ceremonies. The King was most the question whether the commission

place at the end of the week. Can Understand.

To the man of business, whose time is noney, the easily remembered schedule of Royal Blue Trains" to Pailadelphia and 'Every Odd Hour' -is a mat-

r of profit. 7-9-11-1-3 and 5 o'clock are the hours of Cabinet Officer Elected President of the Carnegie Trust Company.

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Trust Company. to-day to be president of the Carnegie
Trust Company, Ill Broadway. Mr. Shaw, it was said at the offices of the company, accepted the position two weeks ago. He will take charge of the company immediately upon his retirement from the Cabinet on March 4.

The Carnegie Trust Company was or-

day.

Reservations may be secured at Baltimore and Ohio ticket offices, 1417 G st. nw., near 15th st.; 619 Pennsylvania ave., and station, New Jersey ave. and C st.

NO BIDS ACCEPTED

Building of Canal.

MAJ. GOETHALS AS CHIEF

Contractors' Offers Are Rejected by the Government.

Two Other Members of Engineer Corps Are Detailed to Assist in Supervising Construction of the Panama Waterway-President Issues Statement Explaining Change in Plans of Administration.

No great surprise was caused by the official announcement yesterday that all the bids offered for the construction of the Panama Canal had been rejected and that the work would be intrusted to the supervision of army engineers. This outome of the seeming uncertainty surrounding the disposition of the bids had

Coincident with the anno which was made by the War Department a statement was issued from the White House in the form of a letter from Presi dent Roosevelt to Chairman Shonts, of the Canal Commission, which told that John F. Stevens had resigned as chief engineer of the canal and that he would be succeeded by Maj. George Washington Goethals, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A. who would be assisted by Maj. David Du Bose Gaillard and Maj. William Luther

Maj. Goethals will, in addition to his duties as chief engineer, succeed Theodore P. Shonts as chairman of the Canal Commission when the latter retires, on March 4, to accept a place with the Inter-Metro politan Railway interests in New York, Majs. Gaillard and Sibert also will be appointed members of the Canal Commis

whose term in the Senate will expire on March 4, will become a Canal Commis sioner.

Find the Solution.

The administration, or at least the President, believes that in determining to g of the Hochelaga Protestant school in Intrust the construction of the canal to the supervision of officers of the army Engineer Corps, the solution of one of the chief difficulties connected with the great waterway project has been reachel. This determination, does not mean, however that the canal will be dug under th direct superintendency of men employed harges. She made a desperate effort to by the United States government and by get the smaller children out. She could laborers hired and paid and machinery have saved herself, but she courageously fact, the assertion was made this evening What happened; no one can tell. The in a high authoritative quarter that the

smaller children. She was last seen at a window of an upper floor. She broke the glass, but just then she was driven back quite likely, therefore, that bids will be again invited for doing part at least of The fire originated in the basement. the construction work. Until Maj. ment when the fire broke out, so there is canal problem by a personal visit to the no explanation of the cause. It is at isthmus, the work will be continued under ributed to the furnace, because it was in the corner of the basement that the fire will sail for Panama on Friday. He will

be accompanied by Majs. Gaillard and When the firemen reached the school the fire had gripped the upper parts of the building and smoke was belching from the that President Boscorial Research. with him, but these are apparently dis-The men stuck to their work until at proved by statements made to visitors

Many Reasons Advanced. any longer, and got away.

The men covered each little corpse with It is said also that Mr. Stevens was at got under the wheels of the left-hand, next Monday. At the same time that he a tarpaulin as they transferred their grew- outs with Chairman Shonts. From the The best available source of knowledge the lateral strain, owing to the rigidity of ceptance of the presidency of the Carnegle news of the tragedy spread quickly, and information was obtained that even the the steel ties and the low temperature. Trust Company. The Secretary has had soon the parents of the children were President did not know for a certainty to shear the bolts on the opposite rail.

The committee finds that at the time of the accident the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New the accident the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New the accident the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New the accident the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New the accident the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New time and the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New time and the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New time and the train was running at new time and the train was running at new Carnegie Trust Company, of New time and the train was running at new time and the train was r one of the probable reasons for his resig nation, that Mr. Stevens felt that he had been criticised by certain members of the Senate at the time he appeared before

> money under pleasanter surroundings From a person in the confidence of M Stevens it was learned that Mr. Stevens had been dissatisfied with life on the isthmus since last summer, and believed that for reasons of health and happiness

work for any interests in this country When he returns to the United States Mr. Stevens will make an extended visit to Dinner Given by Foreign Minister to Europe accompanied by Mrs. Stevens.

American Ambassador. No official or private expression of what the President thought of the action of Mr. Stevens could be obtained at the White House,

Explains Rejection of Bids. The letter of President Roosevelt to Chairman Shonts gives reasons for the rejection of the canal bids, and tells of

affable, and expressed sincere regret at should accept the bids for the construcposed contract, or should reject them all, There were two bids worthy of consideration. The bid of the McArthur Syndicate at 121/2 per cent was the only one which came within the requirements. The Oliver and Bangs bid at 6.75 per cent was rejected as not satisfying the specificaation from what it would have been, had Mr. Oliver's bid in its present form been presented January 12, the day fixed for receiving the bids. Under the invitation for bids, the reserved power exists in the

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